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Atty. Dkt. No. 017835-0362

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Robert SCHULZ et al.

Title: NANOCOMPOSITES WITH ACTIVATED INTERFACES
PREPARED BY MECHANICAL GRINDING OF MAGNESIUM
HYDRIDES AND USE FOR HYDROGEN STORAGE

Appl. No.: 09/529,910

Appl. Filing Date: 06/28/2000

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Art Unit: 1742

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL

Mail Stop RCE
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. This RCE and the enclosed items listed below are being filed prior to the earliest of: (1) payment of the issue fee (unless a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313 is granted); (2) abandonment of the application; or (3) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. §141, or the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. §145 or §146 (unless the appeal or civil action is terminated).

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114:** (check items that apply)

a. Enclosed are:

[] Amendment/Reply.

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The filing fee is calculated below:

	Claims as Amended	Previously Paid For	Extra Claims Present	Rate	Fee Totals
RCE Fee 1.17(e):				\$770.00	<u>\$770.00</u>
Total Claims:	16	-	20 = 0	x \$18.00	<u>\$0.00</u>
Independents	1	-	3 = 0	x \$86.00	<u>\$0.00</u>
				CLAIMS FEE TOTAL:	<u><u>\$770.00</u></u>

[X] Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

[X] Extension for response filed within the first month:	\$110.00	1	\$110.00
EXTENSION FEE TOTAL			<u>\$110.00</u>
CLAIMS AND EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:			<u>\$770.00</u>
TOTAL FEE:			<u>\$880.00</u>

[] Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0741 in the amount of \$0.00. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is enclosed.

[X] A check in the amount of \$880.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.

[X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

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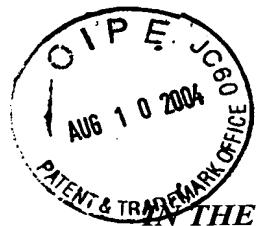
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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.114

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action dated April 13, 2004, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Applicants have enclosed with this amendment a Petition for Extension of Time to make this response timely.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: